



**U.S. Immigration
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ICE FEDERAL PROTECTIVE SERVICE

The Office of Federal Protective Service (FPS) is a division of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), which was established in March 2003 as part of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). ICE is the largest investigative arm of the Department of Homeland Security, bringing together more than 15,000 employees focused on enforcing the law and investigating homeland security crimes.

FPS is responsible for policing, securing, and ensuring a safe environment in which federal agencies can conduct their business. FPS officers serve as a visible uniformed presence at more than 8,800 owned and leased federal facilities nationwide that house more than one million federal employees and visitors on a daily basis. In 2005, the FPS responded to 53,527 offenses or incidents that resulted in 6,712 arrests or citations issued, detected 882,468 prohibited items; and provided law enforcement support at nearly 3,835 public demonstrations of varying size.

Wendell C. Shingler was named Director of FPS in January 2002. Prior to joining FPS, Mr. Shingler served as the Chief of Judicial Facility and Security programs at the U.S. Marshals Service. The FPS consists of 1,500 full time employees, including special agents, police officers, inspectors, and support personnel. Approximately 15,000 contract security guards augment FPS.

FPS offers a full range of protective services and security capabilities, including:

- Specialized response capabilities, including Canine, Hazardous Materials, and Protective Medical response;
- Intelligence-sharing and investigative collaboration with law enforcement agencies at local, state, and federal levels; key participation in Federal Anti-Terrorism Task Forces;
- Continuous monitoring of facility alarms and emergencies through four FPS "MegaCenter" remote dispatch control centers; and
- Protection support for public demonstrations and special events, including the Democratic and Republican National Conventions, Presidential inaugurations, and national disasters (approximately 30 percent of its officers and agents were deployed to Hurricanes Katrina/Rita operations).

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U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement was established in March 2003 as the largest investigative arm of the Department of Homeland Security. ICE is comprised of four integrated divisions that form a 21st century law enforcement agency with broad responsibilities for a number of key homeland security priorities.